



**PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME
(37 CFR 1.136(a))**

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| Application # | 09/700,185 |
| Confirmation # | 2588 |
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| First Inventor | ARAKI et al. |
| Art Unit | 1745 |
| Examiner | Ruthkosky |
| Docket # | P06971US00/BAS |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows.

..... 1. One month extension of time previously obtained. Additional extension requested:

| | <u>Large Entity Fee</u> | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> |
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| One month | \$ 310 | \$ 155 |
| Two months | \$ 840 | \$ 420 |
| Three months | \$ 1370 | \$ 685 |
| Four months | \$ 1900 | \$ 950 |

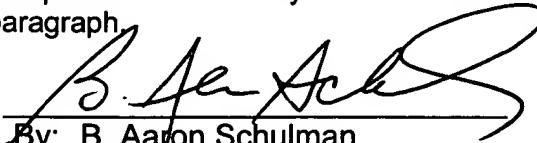
..... X 2. Two month extension of time previously obtained. Additional extension requested:

| | <u>Large Entity Fee</u> | <u>SMALL ENTITY FEE</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| X One month | X \$ 530 | \$ 265 |
| Two months | \$ 1060 | \$ 530 |
| Three months | \$ 1590 | \$ 795 |

..... X A check covering the amount indicated above is enclosed. If no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due with this communication, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

..... X If a further petition for extension of time (EOT) is required at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an EOT of as many months as are required to ensure that the application is pending on the date that this petition is filed. Any fee due in connection with this petition is authorized in the preceding paragraph.

Date: 15 December 2003


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